

BUSINESS SPECIALS.
Under this head business notices inserted for ten cents per line. Seven words to the line.
50c. neckwear for 20c., and 25c. neckwear for 15c. at Foster's.
Furnished rooms to let. Mrs. C. F. Frost, 11 Cottage St.
1 lot heavy buck gloves lamb skin lined for \$1 at Foster's.
Many good, useful, common sense articles for present at Tucker's harness and trunk store. See ad. 52-2
Men's sweaters, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$3 at Foster's.
See the large amount that can be bought for a dollar at A. T. Bennett & Co's. Read ad.
Look at Foster's \$3.75 suits for men.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.
How many resolutions have you broken?
Ambrose Warren returned to Colby, Tuesday.
Arthur Wiley spent Sunday at Bethel with his parents.
Lawyer Hazen of Oxford made us a flying visit, Tuesday.
Mme. Blauvelt at Norway Opera House, Thursday evening, Jan. 6.
Mrs. Emma Bradley is visiting relatives and friends at Orlinfield Gore.
Mrs. W. H. Lovejoy of Woodville visited at Helen Noyes', Tuesday night.
The village schools will begin, the 10th, if nothing happens. The new boiler arrived, Monday.
Wm. Jones and wife, who have been spending the holidays in Boston, arrived home, Monday last.
Grace Holden, who is attending the Colby University, has been in the village during vacation.
Mrs. Hayden's German class met on Wednesday evening instead of Thursday on account of the concert.
D. C. Clark went to the Maine General Hospital at Portland, Tuesday, for treatment for appendicitis.
Mrs. Cyrus Woodsum, who has been visiting in Boston and vicinity for the past five months, returned home, this week.
E. H. Brown returned from Rochester, N. H., Monday, where he has been with his daughter, Mrs. O. B. Warren, two months.

The week of prayer is being observed. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Baptists, Thursday, at the Methodists, and Sunday evenings at the Methodist church.

Oxford Pomona Grange.
The January meeting of Oxford Pomona Grange was held at Norway on Tuesday of this week. Although the morning was cold, it was full of sunshine and the number of Patrons that gathered at Norway Grange Hall was never surpassed. All available space was taken up. The Worthy Master, H. D. Hammond, called the Grange to order and found every officer present. Ten candidates received the 8th degree and three were received on duty. The sisters discussed the subject of home adornment and decoration, by Mrs. H. P. Brown, followed by Carrie Briggs and Mrs. H. A. Hartman.

The chief event of the afternoon was a lecture by Hon. J. H. Manley of Augusta, on the State and the Home. This address was pleasingly and eloquently delivered. In graceful language he described the beauty, the greatness and the grandeur of our State. He spoke of the Home as the conservative force that has made our State what it is. Lora Chapman and Mrs. Bennett of Norway Grange gave very fine recitations. Frank L. Scarbird of Paris delivered one of his fine humorous selections and was recalled. Bro. Pike, the blind singer of Hebron, gave a song as did also Rev. H. A. Roberts of Paris.

A committee of five was chosen to confer with corn packers on price of corn for 1898. The committee selected at a previous meeting to urge the County Commissioners to establish a stone yard. A report which was accepted. This committee was continued for future work. It was quite evident from the talk made that the disappointment will be great if the Commissioners fail to grant the petition. The general belief, however, was that the Commissioners would accede to the urgent demand.

The next meeting will be on the 1st Tuesday of February at Bryant's Pond. At that time the subject of raising sweet corn at present price will be discussed. Farmers are uniting strongly in favor of an advance to the old price.

This was one of the largest and most enthusiastic granges ever held in the County.

F. H. Noyes, of the Blue Store has been in Boston the past week.
David McKenney of Kennebunk is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tibbets at the Beal's Hotel.

A copy of the ADVERTISER will make a good New Year present. Fifty cents for four months or \$1.00 for eight months.

Norway Lodge, I. O. O. F., have a musical entertainment in training. It will be at the Opera House in a few weeks. It will have some excellent talent both from home and abroad.

PAPER FIFTY-THREE YEARS OLD.
S. S. Smith hands us a copy of the Norway Advertiser printed Dec. 20, 1844, fifty-three years ago. This paper contains an official report of the Oxford County Fair, which was held at Turner Village, the 16th of the previous October. There are some nine columns of the report. There are six columns of advertising, among whom were the late Robert Noyes, Hall & Dow, Peter B. Frost, tailor, Simeon Walton, Mrs. E. W. Goodenow, Wm. Andrews, J. C. Shackley, Anthony Bennett and M. Wm. dentist at South Paris. The Advertiser was then published by Ira Berry and Francis Blake, Jr., at \$1.00 per year. All of the above as far as known are now dead.

Cashier H. D. Smith, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Maine, made an official visit, this week, to Newport and to Oakland. He was absent three days.

Miss L. G. Tuell of West Paris is assisting Stella M. Pike at the Norway National Bank this week. The first of the year brings lots of extra work at the bank.

There is much bewailing by local fishermen on the scarcity of live bait. This is quite a necessary article to those wishing to lure the finny tribe from out the deep.

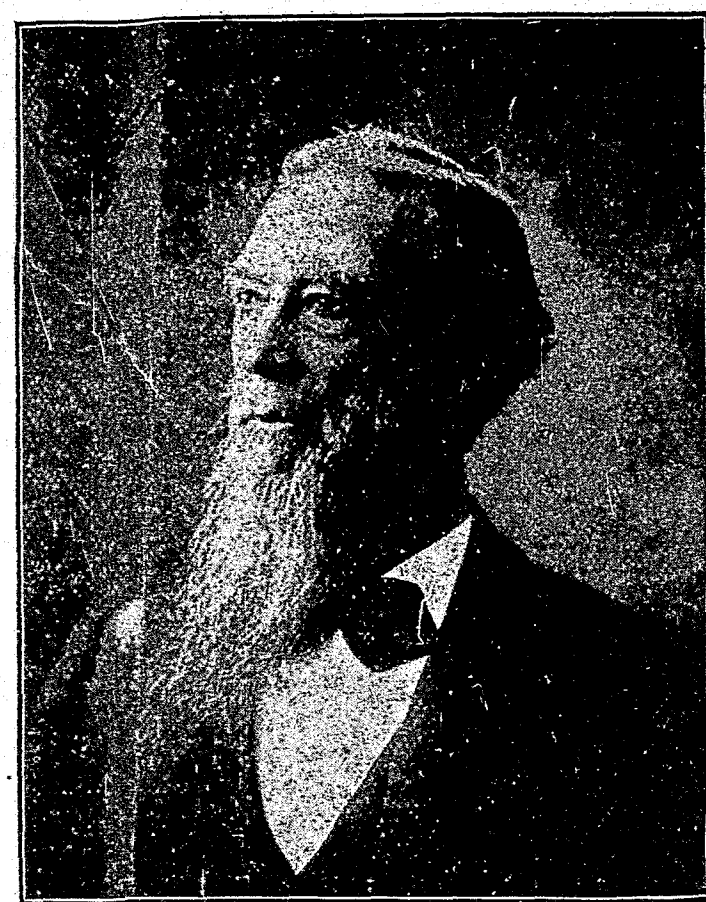
Mrs. Edwin Howe received for a New Year's Day remembrance, a Quotation Bag. This pretty and curious present was filled with rolled slips of paper, each containing a quotation, tied with a tiny ribbon, donated by some of her many friends.

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HENRY F. MORTON, General Manager of Paris Manufacturing Company.

Henry F. Morton, the General Manager of the great and successful plant of the Paris Manufacturing Company at South Paris, was born in Corinna, in 1839. He is the grandson of Thomas Morton, who came from England and settled in Plymouth, Mass. He was educated at Hebron Academy and Kent's Hill, and alternately teaching and attending school, he fitted for Harvard College, but on account of the failure of his eyes he was unable to continue his studies.

In 1861 Mr. Morton was married to Lucella C. Forbes, a descendant of Miles Standish in the seventh generation. He settled down in North Paris and commenced the manufacture of children's sleds, using the basement of his house for a workshop. A little later on he removed to West Sumner and formed a partnership with a Mr. Bates. A factory was built and baby carriages and children's carts were added to the output. Still later another partnership was formed, known as Morton, Forbes and Crocker.

In 1870 the plant was moved to Paris Hill and during the following year a factory was built. In 1884 the plant was moved to South Paris, on account of the cutting railroad facilities. Two years later the plant was destroyed by fire, but was built on a larger and complete scale. The main building now covers 39,000 square feet of surface, aside from several large storehouses. Mr. Morton was with the Winton Manufacturing Company of Binghamton, N. Y., from 1883 to 1892, as superintendent, but in the latter year returned to South Paris and assumed the duties of superintendent.

Mr. Morton is a man of great originality and inventive skill. He makes all the designs for the great factory with which he is connected. A glance at the four large catalogues, which the concern gets out yearly, will show what an immense amount of work Mr. Morton must do on this line alone.

The great plant employs 175 men and the value of its yearly product is nearly \$200,000. Children's carts, wagons, sleds, sleighs, etc., are manufactured by the thousand, while school furniture, desks, swings, step-ladders, washing machines, tables, chairs, etc., are a few of the different kinds of articles made at this enormous novelty plant. That Mr. Morton is popular with his workmen is conclusively shown by the fact that on Thanksgiving day in 1896 they presented him with a magnificent gold watch and chain as a testimonial of their affection and esteem. Mr. Morton although taken entirely by surprise, made a fitting response to the speech accompanying the gift, his words being well chosen and eloquent.

Mr. Morton has never aspired to political office, but is essentially a business man. He is interested in every good cause and lends his aid and influence to all movements that have for their object the material and moral advancement of the community. He is a deacon in the Baptist church at South Paris, and is a man universally esteemed.—[Industrial Journal.]

Winfield Gardner of Portland was in town, Monday, working on a new business directory of the State of Maine. Mr. Gardner is city constable. The directory is for lawyers and business men. He was booking the attorneys.

Miss Julia H. May, who has recently published a book of poems entitled "Songs from the Woods of Maine," is to give a talk to the ladies' clubs on the coming Saturday evening. The subject of her paper will be "The Rhine." Miss May has lately returned from abroad, where she spent some time in Germany and France. She will remain over the Sabbath with her friend, Mrs. Alma P. Hayden.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 30, Alice Millett, in honor of her twelfth birthday, entertained her teacher and twenty of her little friends at her home on Winter street. At 6.45 the guests began to arrive and each with some gift for the little hostess. It was indeed a happy time. Games were played and a short entertainment given by the children. Refreshments were served consisting of candy, nuts, apples and pop corn. At 9 o'clock the little people began to depart each with a merry smile and a good wish for Alice.

Joe Manley Talks.
Joseph Manley of Augusta, the redoubtable Republican leader, addressed a large and appreciative audience under the auspices of the Grange, Tuesday, on the "Progression of Our State." Mr. Manley is too well known to all Maine citizens to need any introduction. The Grange Hall was crowded and those fortunate enough to get in will remember with pleasure his pleasant and instructive discourse. Mr. Manley left on the evening train for Boston.

A. F. Cummings of Harrison presents us with two Ben Davis apples grown in 1896, and they were pretty good tasting apples too. He sent some of them to him, who is turnkey in Portland jail. Mr. Cummings has a peck or more of these apples.

Henry K. White lost three fingers from his right hand and his left thumb in the sole cutting machine at the shoe factory last Friday. Just the particular cause of that mishap we are unable to learn, as there are conflicting stories about how the accident occurred. Mr. White is a young man with a wife and several children.

George Crooker.
On Jan. 3, at 6.30 p. m., George Crooker of this village passed away. Mr. Crooker was seventy-six years of age and for the last forty years has been deprived of his eyesight. A general wasting away has at last called one of the few remaining veterans of the Mexican war.

The deceased was born in Portland, April 21, 1821, was married in 1838 to Mrs. Helen Godbold, who being his fourth wife. He came from Minot to Norway in 1835.

During the Mexican War he served as a private in a Massachusetts Regiment. The bursting of a cannon injured his eyes, ultimately resulting in blindness. For this misfortune he received a comfortable pension and his last days were spent quietly, surrounded by his friends. The services were held by Rev. Miss Angell of the Universalist church at 1.30 Thursday afternoon, at the home of the widow. He leaves a son.

Let Us All Resolve.
First, to attain the grace of silence; second, to keep our hearts free from all that does no good a sin, and to resolve when we are happy ourselves not to poison the atmosphere for our neighbors by calling on them to remark every painful and disagreeable feature of their daily life; third, to practice the grace and virtue of praise.—[Harriet B. Stowe.]

Samuel Partridge.
At the advanced age of eighty-nine, in his home at Norway, Maine, Samuel Partridge died, Monday last. He was born in Poland, Oct. 25, 1809. In 1837, he married Eliza Rounds. In 1837, he came to Norway and from that time his history has been that of our village. It is seldom that man attains so many years as he, and the allotted three score and ten is only passed by means of a life well spent. A race well run. Six of nine children survive their father.

Bertha Wiley of Bethel was in town, Thursday.
Dr. C. M. Coolidge of North Waterford was in town, Thursday.
George Scott has gone to West Bethel, where he will team for A. S. Bean.

Katherine Howe Elliott of Rumford, is visiting her friend, Miss Fauce.
Mrs. Frank Kimball will sing at the Congregationalist church, Lewiston, next Sunday.

Albert J. Stearns will not return to Boston, for the winter in the Law School.
Mrs. Chas. Pride of Cottage St., who was severely burned a few weeks ago, is doing nicely.

Several of the school boys are taking advantage of the short vacation to work on the ice.
Mildred and Harold Millett of Mechanic Falls, spent New Year's with Helen Mae Fauce of Pleasant St.

Minnie Spinyne, who has been at her home in Sanford and in Boston on a two weeks' vacation, returned Tuesday.
The male quartette that supplied at the Universalist church, last Sunday, for the regular choir was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

H. E. Macallaster has moved his daughter, Mrs. Evers, and family to his home for the winter as Mr. Macallaster's health is very poor.
The summary of Oxford County events as published on pages 2 and 3 of this paper should be saved for reference. It is something no other daily paper in this vicinity ever attempted to do.

South Paris.
Dora Parsons is visiting in Boston.
Carrie Lambe went to Boston, Monday morning.
Chas. Cooper of Auburn was in town, last week.

Charles H. Howard returned to Boston, Monday.
H. A. Hilton of Portland is in town for a few days.
Shirley Pulsifer is visiting his parents in Abington, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cook are visiting relatives in Canada.
Mr. and Mrs. Eastman are visiting at her father's in Lovell.
Kate Royal returned home from her Boston visit, Monday.

Bethel.
Harry Gerry of Colby is spending his vacation with his grandfather in this place.

Maud Carter, who attends the Farmington Normal School, has been visiting at home.
Miss Kimball, who has been on the sick list for over two weeks, is much better.

The annual meeting of Paris Library Association will be held on Saturday evening.
Dea. Henry Forbes is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Pratt of East Orange, N. J.

Dr. Daintree sprained his ankle quite severely by slipping on his way from church, Sunday.
Mrs. Sumner Tucker has returned from Rumford Falls, where she has been visiting several weeks.

Alice Wheeler, who has been attending school in Boston, is spending a short vacation with her parents.
J. F. Moody, principal of the Edward Little High School at Auburn, visited his friends in Paris, last week.

Presiding Elder of the Lewiston district, Rev. J. A. Corey, preached at the Methodist church, Sunday evening.
A. E. Witham will start a tea and coffee business in the store in Market square formerly occupied by Wise & Glass.

This is the week of prayer. The order of the evening services is: Tuesday, Methodist church; Wednesday, Congregational church; Thursday, Baptist; Friday, Methodist; Sunday, Congregational.
Last Friday, the remains of Mrs. Caroline E. Damon of West Poland were brought here for interment. She was a sister of Alva Shurtz, wife of George W. Stevens and Mrs. A. M. Whitman of Paris.

Last Friday evening, Mr. Pleasant Rebekah Lodge initiated six at a special meeting. Mrs. T. S. Barnes in behalf of the degree staff presented Lizzie Leach as a candidate for initiation, a presentation of her services as organist.

Samuel M. King was elected president of the Maine State Cattle Club Jersey Association at Augusta; last week, and not president of the Maine State Jersey Association as announced in our last issue. We got the names of the Associations mixed.

The new officers of Kimball Post, G. A. R., are:
Chandler Swift, P. C.
Isaac J. Monk, S. V. G.
Asa J. Whitman, J. V. C.
H. N. Boister, Adj.
O. G. Curtis, Q. M.
E. J. Swift, Chap.
Geo. W. Cole, Surg.
Frank Maxim, O. G.
Rawson Holman, S. M.
E. Carter, Q. M. S.

A span of horses belonging to Austin P. Stearns with hayrack attached created considerable excitement in this village, a few days ago. Damage, the different parts of the rack considerably scattered.

The Oxford County Patrons of Husbandry Mutual Fire Insurance Co., at the annual meeting reelected the old board of officers, viz:
President—George F. Hammond, Paris.
Secretary—J. H. George, South Paris.
Treasurer—J. H. George, South Paris.
Directors—A. S. Alden, Chas. Bryant's Pond; S. P. Cushman, Hebron; H. C. O'Connell, Paris; T. B. West, Orlinfield; W. W. Berry, West Paris; T. B. West, East Sumner.

The first high school lyceum of the season opened on last Friday evening. The debates were devoted to the negative on the merits of the argument. The order of exercises was:
Reading of Scripture.....President
Prayer.....Rev. R. J. Haughton
Singing.....Miss Alice
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.....Elmer Deane
Question—Resolved, That the young people of the town of Bethel should be better students.....Bertha Shaw
Neg.....Merle Walker, Harry Wheeler
Affirm.....Lucinda Field, Keith Spofford
Solo.....Lula Hayden
Recitation.....Alice Garland
Paper, Edited by Fred Mills and Chas. Spofford

At the annual meeting of the Congregational parish, Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were chosen:
Moderator, H. N. Boister.
Collector and Treas., J. S. Wright.
Prudential Committee, J. S. Wright, J. F. Plummer, H. N. Boister.
Soliciting Committee, the members of the parish and F. A. Shurtz, N. D. Boister, N. D. Elder, E. N. Haskell, N. D. Boister.

The next meeting of Paris teachers will occur on Saturday afternoon. The topics for discussion are:
What means can be profitably employed in cold weather to ventilate a schoolroom unpurified with ventilating apparatus?
Should punishment always be such as to seem to be the natural result of the particular offense?
Would you teach oral language, or how would you teach the practical daily use of grammar?
Can the spelling lesson be more easily learned by the usual common method than by writing the words in the air?
Should the spelling of words ever be learned where the meaning is not known by the pupil?
What are the duties of the district teacher?

Against what faults would a young teacher most likely be guilty?
What daily preparation should a teacher make for his class?
Should the reading aloud by the teachers of some standard fiction be a part of school work?
Can work best be reviewed on certain days, or is it better that daily review take its place?
To what extent should a map be used in the teaching of the daily geography recitation?
Mention some ways in which we should seek to correlate school work.

Mrs. B. B. Phillips is visiting at N. F. Strickland's.
Shirley Pulsifer is spending his vacation in Boston.
Vernal Edwards has a new sleigh to help wear down the snow with.

Dean Tolman has returned from Boston where he has been spending his vacation.
George Haskell has returned from a trip to Boston and resumed his work in the sled factory.

Supt. H. F. Morton of the Paris Mfg. Co. is able to attend to his duties once more after a couple weeks of sickness.
Minnie A. Plummer of South Paris, who is studying music at Florence, Italy, under Vannucini's instructions, is working diligently, and has sung before many Italian celebrities, who are enthusiastic in praise of her voice and style, declaring that the divine spark is hers, which, joined to her indefatigable industry will surely create the great artist. She will remain abroad a year or more studying with different masters.

Mumps are still in the place among old and young.
F. W. Sanborn of the ADVERTISER was in town, Monday.
Teams are crossing the Androscoggin on the ice at Bethel.

Henry Goddard, esq., of Auburn was in town, last Thursday.
A. W. Grover is acting as agent for the ADVERTISER in this vicinity.
Roscoe F. Child of Hartford is learning type-setting in the News office.

Frank C. Bartlett has six new sleighs and two sets traverse sleds for sale.
The lumbermen are happy since the snow fall, giving them a fine road bed.
A. W. Grover was called to Locke's Mills, last Friday, on pension business.

Herman A. Skillings returned to his home in Harvard, Mass., last Thursday.
Last Friday night sealed the old year to the new with a snow storm of 15 inches.
Prof. J. D. Merriman, a former principal of Gould Academy, was in town, the past week.

Ed. Magill is seen upon the streets again after fifteen weeks' confinement to the house.
Tuesday morning's temperature ran to 20 deg. below zero, at Mr. Chamberlain's in Mayville.
May all the readers of the ADVERTISER experience a Happy New Year is our sincere wish.

The Chair Co. have been taking an account of stock preparatory to the annual meeting, this month.
L. L. Briggs has moved from the Philbrook stand on Church street to the A. C. Farwell house on Mason street.

Monday evening, Mrs. Gehring invited her Sabbath school class to spend the evening with her at Garland Chapel.
Byron V. Bryant of Bryant's Pond has recently been granted an increase of pension through A. W. Grover's agency.

Alice Partridge, the retiring president of the Christian Endeavor entertained the members and friends, Thursday evening.
The gospel temperance meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., Sunday evening, was largely attended and the program was interesting.

Samuel A. Haynes has purchased the laundry business of A. R. Haynes on Main street and will conduct the same. E. Haynes and family have removed to Auburn.
F. E. Hanscom, principal of Gould Academy, was called to Oxford, Tuesday, by the sudden death of an intimate friend. In his absence the school will be in charge of his efficient assistant, E. E. Evans.

The friends will be pained to learn of the recent death of Daniel E. Wheeler of Rockland, Mass. He was a native of Bethel and an older brother of our respected townsman, E. G. Wheeler, esq., of West Bethel.

The week of prayer is being observed with meetings as follows: Monday evening at the M. E. church, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Universalist church, and Thursday and Friday evenings at the Congregational church.

Corydon V. Stowell recently slipped from the piazza roof into a cluster of lilac bushes. A sharp knot penetrated his thigh three inches, breaking from the stock and remaining full length in the flesh. It required surgical aid to remove it.

The meeting of the citizens interested in an electric plant for lighting the village and for mechanical purposes met Thursday evening last, at the office of Herick & Park, and organized by electing officers and suitable committees; the latter to report at a future meeting, at which time their report will be published in the ADVERTISER.

The annual meeting of the Water Company was held, Monday. The old board of officers were chosen. Judge E. Foster, president; A. E. Herick, clerk and treasurer; with Elias Thomas of Portland, Ceylon Rowe, G. A. Hastings, E. W. Woodbury and F. W. Sanborn of Norway, directors; Ceylon Rowe and F. W. Sanborn, auditors.

Mrs. A. E. Herick has been spending the week in Boston.
The officers of the Relief Corps were installed on Monday evening.
The following officers have been elected in the Christian Endeavor:
President, E. C. Bowler.
Vice President, Ruby Clark.
Secretary, Eva Twaddle.
Treasurer, Emma Jones.

The Sunset lodge of Rebekahs held a public installation at Odd Fellows' block, Monday evening. The elective officers were as follows:
N. A. Mrs. Ella Bryant.
V. A. Mrs. Della Smith.
Rec. Sec., Martha Gibson.
Fin. Sec., Mrs. Martha Hastings.
Treas., Mrs. Ellen M. Burbank.

The installation ceremony was ably and pleasantly performed by Mrs. Lurvey, Dist. Deputy, assisted by Mrs. Emmons as Grand Marshal, both of Onward Lodge, West Paris. Following installation was a pleasant program, consisting of music, reading and recitations, which was also followed by an abundant collation, to the satisfaction of all who wished to partake.

The following officers of Mount Abram Lodge, No. 31, I. O. O. F., were installed, Saturday evening, Jan. 1, by D. D. G. M. S. I. French:
N. G. W. T. Gauthier.
V. G. J. W. Smith.
Rec. Sec., Henry Farwell.
Fin. Sec., C. G. Bryant.
Treas., S. J. French.
Warden, F. S. Ribborn.
Con. J. C. Billings.
Chap., Calvin Bissell.
I. G. F. W. Barker.
O. G. O. C. Demeritt.
R. S. N. G. S. A. Burbank.
L. S. N. G. C. L. Sanborn.
R. S. V. G. O. L. Swan.
L. S. V. G. L. S. Coburn.
R. S. S. B. W. Kimball.
L. S. S. C. G. Kimball.

The Bethel Library Association held their annual banquet in the Universalist chapel, last Friday evening. The tables were tastefully arranged in the dining room, which had been decorated for the occasion. Beside each plate lay a souvenir card bearing the greetings of the evening, also a sprig of holly. After the tempting viands had received proper attention, Rev. F. E. Barton as toastmaster, in a most felicitous manner, presented the following toasts:

Good Resolutions for the New Year.....Rev. Alexander Hamilton
Tradition We Should Read.....Dr. G. Gehring
Our Library.....Hon. A. E. Herick
Our Best Poets.....Rev. Israel Jordan
Systematic Reading.....Judge E. W. Woodbury
The Founder of the Bethel Library, Annie Cross Gould Academy.....Prof. F. E. Hanscom
The Ours of the Book.....Miss L. T. Barker, Librarian

This part of the program was most thoroughly enjoyed, after which the company repaired to the audience room and parlor of the chapel, where still another pleasing program was presented—
The Lonely Rose (soprano), Mrs. F. B. Tuell.
Edith Grover, Florence Carter, Alice Partridge, Nellie Frost and Mrs. A. A. Finney
Recitation, Old Age.....Merrill Day
Solo, Garden of Sleep.....Annie Gibson
Recitation, Daniel Periton's Ride.....Leon Walker
The Ours of the Book.....Miss L. T. Barker, Librarian

The whole audience joined in singing Auld Lang Syne and closed an evening of rare enjoyment and had \$30 net amount of cash.

On Sunday occurred the funeral of Mrs. Octavia, wife of State Detective and ex-Sheriff Cyrus M. Wornell of Bethel, who died, Friday afternoon, after an illness of some two years. Mrs. Wornell had long lived in Bethel, having been prominently identified with social and church interests. The interment was at Portland in Evergreen cemetery.

Mrs. Wornell leaves besides her husband two children, Helen, wife of W. F. Stone of Portland, and Fred Wornell of South Portland. The funeral took place at the house at 2 p. m. and was presided over by her pastor, Rev. F. E. Barton of the Universalist church, assisted by Rev. J. Jordan of the Congregational church. Her thoughtful mind made all arrangements for the funeral, and every thing was carried out as far as possible with her wishes. Mrs. Wornell passed from this life, with the old year. It has been known by the best medical authority that could be procured, for the past six months that sooner or later she must give up to the deadly grasp of a cancer. Her anxious friends were fearful of much suffering for her, before the end came, but in this they were happily disappointed. Last Friday p. m. while her faithful companion was administering to her wants, and while she was speaking a cheerful word to all around her, she quietly fell asleep, as one weary with the labors of the day. Although her death was expected at any time, yet it came at last like a shock to the faithful companion who has been so constantly by her side ever since her prostration. He has left her, only for the shortest periods, and that only when his labors urgently called. She was one who always carried a cheerful face and always had a pleasant word for all; faithful in her obligations to her family and friends; and although she enjoyed her family and friends, her society and its supporters, she was one who was known and loved outside of her favorite society. This was manifest in the abundance of fine flowers that have filled her sick room and comforted her last hours. When the real facts of her condition were made known to her she quietly yielded and of late was anxious to go and be at rest, as her companion expressed in his sorrow.

PARIS HILL.
The Universalist society are preparing a drama to be given soon.

Mrs. Thomas Stearns of Boston spent the holidays at Mrs. Charles Thayer's.

Frank Hammond has gone to New York for a visit to his brother, Dr. F. P. Hammond, a former Paris Hill boy.

Our new postmaster, E. Grant Harlow, took possession, Monday. Mary Mellen retires after four years of very satisfactory work.

Professor E. A. Daniels of New York is in town during vacation. Mrs. Daniels is very feeble and will be unable to return with her husband.

School opened in the Academy building on Tuesday, with the usual number in attendance. Work has already begun on the Zephyr, which it is hoped will go to press next week.

George M. Atwood, editor of Oxford Democrat, is in Portland, where Mrs. Atwood has been obliged to go for medical treatment. Mrs. Atwood is no worse at the time of writing.

The Rev. Mr. Wedge from Rockville, Conn., former pastor of 1st Baptist church of this place, has been in town for a few days. He attended the quarterly meeting at North Paris, and was also present at the roll call of his old church.

The Saco Valley News published at Fryeburg announces that it will suspend publication after this week's issue. Bro. Freeman has just completed his first year, and stops the paper to devote his energy to a better paying business.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers who belong to the various organizations to visit meetings when in town.

OXFORD LODGE, F. & A. M., No. 18, meets in Masonic Hall, Monday evening, on or before full moon. Harry R. Farrow, W. M.; H. D. Smith, Sec'y.

UNION ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 28, meets in Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening, on or before full moon. J. O. Crocker, H. P.; H. D. Smith, Sec'y.

OXFORD LODGE, No. 16, I. O. O. F., meets in Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening, on or before full moon. Seward S. Stearns, W. M.; Merton L. Kimball, Recorder.

NORWAY LODGE, No. 21, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month. Eugene E. Hood, W. M.; C. G. Mason, Sec'y.

WILDER ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month. Eugene E. Hood, W. M.; C. G. Mason, Sec'y.

MR. HOPE REBEKAH LODGE, No. 58, I. O. O. F., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, the first and third Friday evenings of each month. Ella F. Hartman, W. M.; G. J. Brown, Sec'y.

HARRY RUSSELL LODGE, No. 54, G. A. R., meets in G. A. R. Hall, on the third Friday evening of each month. G. A. R. Hall, Sec'y.

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OXFORD COUNTY THE PAST YEAR.

A Summary of the More Important Happenings of the Year 1897.

We are pleased to give our readers a good reference list of things that have occurred in Oxford County in the twelve months ending on Dec. 31.

Necrology. Under this head are included leading citizens who have passed away during the year. Deaths of persons aged 90 years, and the victims of fatal accidents.

Jan. 7—Rev. Lyman Jewett, D. D., of Fitchburg, Mass., a noted Baptist clergyman, aged 83 years. He was born in Waterford.

Jan. 11—Hazelina Trimmer, a prominent manufacturer of Lawrence, Mass., a native of Andover, aged 81 years.

Jan. 15—Geo. F. Jones of Norway, long a prominent citizen, aged 62 years.

Jan. 20—Dr. Osgood N. Bradbury of Norway, aged 88 years. Had been a leading physician and served in both houses of the Legislature.

Feb. 9—George Burnham, a leading citizen of Gilead, aged 81 years.

Feb. 10—Charles Bisbee of Waterford, aged 80 years.

Feb. 13—Lemuel R. Crooker of Oxford, aged 83 years.

Feb. 15—Charles A. Warren of North Sumner killed by a falling tree in the woods.

Feb. 17—Mrs. Hephsebeth Cole of Buckfield, widow of Artemus Cole, aged 90 years.

Feb. 18—J. G. Rich of Bethel, formerly a noted hunter and guide. Was 70 years old and had been a trial justice two days before.

Feb. 19—Deacon Austin Chase, Paris, aged 83 years.

Mar. 1—Charles S. Cummings, a prominent Norway business man, at Cloverdale, Cal., aged 59 years.

Mar. 6—Miss Peary of Kezar Falls, from injuries received from runaway team six days earlier. Was 40 years old.

Mar. 24—Adelbert Scribner of Bethel, six days earlier. Was 40 years old.

Mar. 25—William H. Sewall, a prominent citizen of Sumner.

Mar. 26—Mrs. Elmer Watson of Hiram, aged 90 years.

Mar. 27—Joshua R. Stuart of Woodford, formerly of Oxford, aged 89 years.

Mar. 28—Col. Perrin Dudgeon of Woodstock, aged 94 years.

Mar. 29—Frank E. Thompson of Davis, Vt., at Cumberland, Me. He was a prominent lumber operator. A native of Norway and 36 years old.

Mar. 30—Death of Sullivan R. Hutchins, esq., of Rumford, aged 84 years.

April 6—Mrs. Loris A. Holmes of Oxford, aged 80 years.

April 12—Mrs. Arabella Carter of Paris, aged 90 years.

Nov. 28—Adrian son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rich of Albany, died from effects of a fall.

Nov. 30—Harrison Harvey of Dixfield, aged 71 years.

Dec. 3—Mrs. Sally, widow of Lemuel Crooker of Oxford, aged 90 years.

Dec. 15—Edith Louise killed in railroad accident at Byron.

Dec. 24—Rufus Farrar, a prominent citizen of Gilead.

Dec. 24—Dr. Isaac Rounds, prominent physician and citizen of South Paris, died.

April 28—Moses Alley, a leading citizen of Hartford.

May 2—Gen. John J. Perry of Portland, formerly of Keegan, died.

May 10—Joseph Richardson of Roxbury, aged 90 years.

May 17—Ex-Postmaster General Horatio King of Washington, D. C., a native of Paris.

June 2—Ezekiel Darnell of North Paris, aged 90 years.

June 28—David Warren Purinton, aged 68 years, died 12 months after being struck by a train. He was 11 months, 23 days.

July 3—Cyprus C. Spaulding, a prominent business man of South Paris, died at home.

July 4—Horace Cummings the veteran hotel man of Paris, aged 77 years.

July 7—Clifford Lawrence, aged 9 years, accidentally killed at Norway.

July 7—Living Cotton of Hiram, aged 90 years, 10 months, 13 days.

July 9—Clifford Burgess drowned at Peru.

July 9—James V. Robertson drowned at Rumford Falls.

July 13—Elihu Cole of Bethel, aged 83 years.

July 15—Lyman Walker of Denmark, aged 82 years, committed suicide.

July 15—Charles A. Cushman of South Paris, a prominent citizen and leading Methodist, died at 76 years, 6 months, 18 days.

July 15—George Burnham, a leading citizen of Gilead, died at Mechanic Falls aged 81 years.

Aug. 20—O. P. Taylor, a prominent business man of Bethel, died Nov. 3, aged 55 years.

Aug. 26—Moses Mason, a prominent citizen of Gilead, aged 82 years.

Sept. 10—Erlon McCollister, aged 9 years, drowned at Gilead.

Sept. 12—Stephen D. Hutchinson, a prominent citizen of Bethel, died Nov. 3, aged 55 years.

Sept. 21—Hiram A. Conant, a well known citizen of Bethel, died Nov. 3, aged 55 years.

Sept. 23—George S. Holman, a prominent citizen of Dixfield, aged 60 years.

Sept. 24—William Burt, well-known citizen of Bethel, died Nov. 3, aged 55 years.

Oct. 14—Mrs. Fannie (Cotton) Quint of Brownfield, aged 81 years.

Oct. 15—William S. Searan, Jr., accidentally killed in the woods near Bethel.

Oct. 21—Wallace Farwell, a prominent citizen of Bethel, died Nov. 3, aged 55 years.

Oct. 26—Mrs. Russell, aged 10 years, died at Bethel.

Oct. 26—Mrs. James Paris of East Hebron, aged 93 years.

Oct. 26—Elphias C. Bean of Bethel, aged 93 years.

Nov. 4—Hon. Benjamin W. Charles of Stow, aged 85 years.

Nov. 23—Leroy A. son of George W. Day of Locke's Mills, aged 69 years.

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June 22—St. John's day celebrated at Lake Umbagog by Presbyterians of Norway and South Paris.

June 10—Railroad meeting, Canton Grange.

July 1—Sunday school organized at Norway Lake.

July 1—Porter family reunion, Paris.

July 2—Pomona Grange, West Bethel.

July 5—Norway Bicycle Club's annual race meeting.

July 7—Annual meeting, Andover Library Association.

July 7—Farmhouse Club barn raising, Camp Carleton.

July 7—Annual meeting, Lake Umbagog Association.

July 7—Independence Day celebrations at Canton of the Anasagunticook Sunday School Association.

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June 8—Welchville and Oxford Electric R. R. Co. organized at Auburn.

June 8—Fryeburg Academy graduation.

June 10—Railroad Commissioners approve articles of association of the Oxford County Railroad Company.

June 11—South Paris Grammar school graduation.

June 14—Paris Hill Grammar school graduation.

June 16—Graduation, Paris Hill Academy.

June 19—Opening of the pleasure ground, Electric Park, South Paris.

June 22—Graduation at Douglas Seminary, Waterford.

June 25—Town meeting, South Paris. Voted to build a new schoolhouse in some location in the village.

July 1—Graduation, Rumford Grammar school.

July 1—Post-office opened at Ridgeway in the town of Mexico. E. C. Hayes, postmaster.

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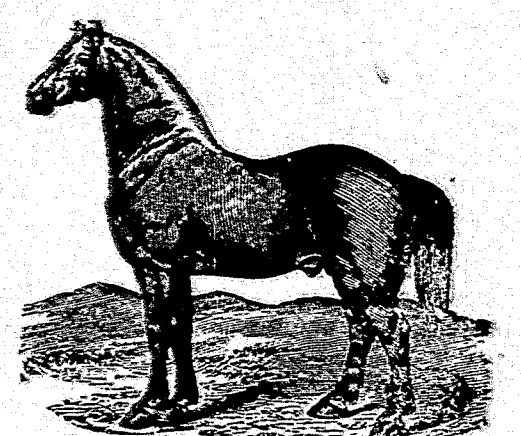
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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.
The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1897, commissioners to receive and examine the claims of creditors against the estate of SARAH A. FULLER, late of Norway, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
Dec. 21, 1897. **LYDIA A. FULLER.**

PROBATE NOTICES.
To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. The following matter having been presented for the action thereon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:
That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the OXFORD COUNTY ADVERTISER, a newspaper published at Norway, in said County, in which they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1898, at 9 o'clock of the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.
ISAIAH BOOTH, late of Fryburg, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by George F. Booth, the executor therein named.
MARGARET THOMPSON, late of Fryburg, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Edward E. Hastings, the executor therein named.
L. G. KIMBALL, late of Bethel, deceased; first account presented for allowance by B. W. Kimball, executor.
SUSAN H. LOCKE, late of Bethel, deceased; first account presented for allowance by E. A. Frye, executor.
MERRILL CHARLES, late of Waterville, deceased; petition for allowance out of personal property, presented by Mary E. Charles, widow.
SEWARD S. STEARNS, Judge of said Court. A true copy. **ALBERT D. PARK, Register.**

NOTICES.
To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:
At an Insolvency Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the 22nd day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. The following matter having been presented for the action thereon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:
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CHARLES O. GODWIN of Waterville, insolvent debtor, first and final account presented for allowance by Edgar M. Boggs, assignee.
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Stone Yard.
The Oxford County Commissioners gave a hearing at their regular session at the Court Buildings, Friday, in regard to establishing a stone yard to furnish hard labor for the tramps and criminals who infest Oxford County. Two thousand farmers protest against being overrun with idle and dangerous tramps, which amount to several hundred during the year. These tramps demand support without labor. If any one feeds them they increase in numbers till the one feeding them is overrun. If they are refused food property and sometimes life is endangered. If the tramps are convicted and taken to the county institution according to law they make themselves so comfortable in their pleasant quarters that it is no punishment but they rather enjoy it, and of course the county has to pay the expense and they are still in idleness.

The tramps advocated a stone yard. At the hearing the Pomona Grange sent three representatives and the eighteen subordinate Granges each one. It is in fact principally the Grangers who are agitating the stone yard question. It is the farmers in the specially shelled districts who suffer most from the tramps, for the tramp is afraid to be in a village. The villagers would be glad to see the tramp made to work. They are not so much troubled by the villagers because nearly every village has a lockup to entertain them, and in the lockups a single village entertains hundreds of tramps during the year and the town foots the bills.

The only objection was that where the experiment of stone yards in the State outside the cities had been tried it had been expensive, because there was not so good a market for the crushed stone.

The Commissioners reserved their decision, and will announce it later.

The train on the Rumford Falls branch, Saturday, struck a team driven by Dan Rowe, at a grade crossing near Gileville. The carriage, horse and occupant were landed some distance from the track up near the fence. The carriage was entirely demolished and the horse badly injured. Mr. Rowe received a bad shock but was able to return to his home at Livermore Falls.

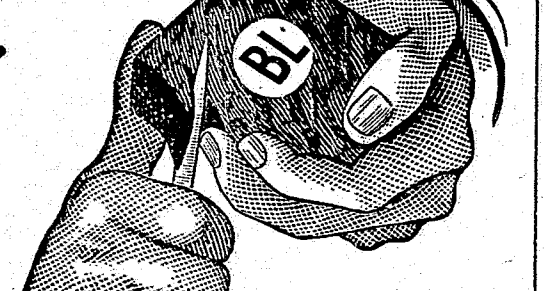
shortness of breath—a sensation of dryness and heat in the throat. Neglect is dangerous.

HALE'S HONEY OF MOREHOUND AND TAR
Hale's Honey of Morehound and Tar acts like a charm on the throat and bronchial tubes. Use it before it's too late. Sold by druggists.
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Bargains in . . . STEEL ENAMEL WARE!
Coffee and Teapots from 1 quart to 3 quarts, 25 cents.
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5 and 10 cent Toy Counter at Hobbs' Variety Store.



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A little piece goes further than double the size of any other kind because

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RUMFORD FALLS.
There is said to be more tenements than at any time since the village was in existence.

Two young men at Smithville saw while returning from the Falls what is supposed to be a wildcat.

Chas. Weatherbee of South Portland, who has bought the ice business of A. Q. Goodidge, has commenced to cut ice.

The Rumford Falls Paper Co.'s water wheel and fixture, which cost two tons have arrived to replace the one recently broken.

Thomas Clarke was arraigned before Justice Johnson, Monday, for intoxication. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to ten days in the county jail.

The deposits in the savings department of the Commercial Trust Co. has passed the \$100,000 mark. During the organization of the bank over 950 books have been issued.

There will be a temperance mass meeting at the Universalist church, Sunday evening, Jan. 9. The singing will be led by Prof. W. H. Wright, lecture by Rev. A. J. Wheeler of Auburn.

A fourteen inch iron pulley with an eleven inch face burst at the power station and filled the room full of pieces of iron and pieces of wood from the belt casing. Two men were in the room who escaped without any injury.

Prof. Lee of Bowdoin College is preparing a lecture on the Klondike. Prof. Lee lectured recently on Labrador. He had a fine lot of views. It was almost equal to a trip to those people who live on that bare, open, and desolate land.

Prof. Wm. M. Blanchard of Rumford recently discovered the point of a needle protruding from the fleshy part of her thigh, and after considerable effort and pain extracted a whole sewing needle. It was somewhat discolored, but smooth and free from rust. Her wonder at this incident was none the less when her husband informed her of a circumstance of 38 years before that accounted for the stray needle. In 1861 Mrs. Blanchard stood back to an open door with two needles in her mouth when some one came along and put a hand on her shoulder. The sudden start caused her to swallow the needles. Though trouble was expected and she watched with considerable anxiety for a long time the incident passed into dim history. Now the wonder is how this needle in its downward course passed the vital organs and muscles without causing serious trouble. And another wonder is where is the other needle.

Christmas at the Shades.
The cosy, picturesque home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bean, very appropriately called "The Shades," was the scene of a merry gathering the evening of Dec. 25, when about fifty people met to exchange the season's greetings and have a social, good time.

As one entered the yard they would notice the brilliantly lighted appearance of the house and above the front entrance was an illuminating "Welcome" in large letters. Inside everything was joyous confusion, children's smiling faces and happy voices on every side and the eldest people among the party proved they were but children of an older growth bent on enjoyment.

In the parlor was a beautiful tree, and surely its branches bore curious fruits, but all was of an acceptable variety. In one corner of this same room was an archway of white pine, festooned with evergreen, strings of popcorn and all manner of devices to make it look gay. Back of this archway, which bore the motto Merry Christmas, stood a brave blond elf, representing how Santa Claus must have looked when starting on that first journey, which he has to repeat each year. With a smile at the debonair youth with his curling locks and the thought how much work had been done for others enjoyment, we passed out into the kitchen, where the decorated with potted plants, and garlands of evergreens surrounding the room, the ceiling overhead being nearly covered with a lovely English ivy.

From this room we went to the dining room, where many of the making light work of spreading the tables with all sorts of good things to eat, enough and to spare for all. At each plate a gay favor is laid as a souvenir of the occasion. These were made by the deft fingers of Mrs. Jacob Clark. Bright hued paper napkins give a touch of color to the tables. One end of the room was draped in red and white, and one side was covered by a green motto on a white background "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

After partaking of a bountiful supper, all were entertained with music, Mrs. B. W. Kimball and Mrs. Burgess presiding at the organ and all who would join in the singing. The tables were taken from the dining room, seats arranged and a short but pleasing program given.

1st, Recitation by Florence Kimball, in which she bids them hang up the baby's stocking but after further deliberation decides it is too small for the baby's grandpa's instead but writes a letter to Santa and fastens it to the toe to explain matters.

2d, Recitation by Maude Russell. This was a lovely Christmas poem, delivered in an easy, graceful way that was very pleasing to all.

3d, Recitation by Gladys Buck, was a cute little piece and given by the roguish child in such an honest way as to make it seem as though she really wondered how Santa Claus could come if we have no snow.

4th, Hymn sung by Florence Kimball. 5th, Recitation by Mrs. Seth Mason. Mrs. Mason told a humorous story of the deacon's trials. The deacon was taken from the dining room, seats arranged and a short but pleasing program given.

A Mother's Love.
Who can fathom a mother's love? Acquaintances may admire and praise us, our nation be proud of us and humanity may bless us, yet all this does not equal a mother's love.

The mother makes the home. In that little circle she is the sovereign and all are subjects to her influence. What a field she has before her, and how often she feels faint and unable to fulfill the trust; but mothers rarely fail. No one shows such unselfish devotion. She is the last to doubt and the first to forgive.

When we speak of mothers we do not mean those inhuman, degraded and selfish ones, we mean mothers in the full sense of the word. That there are degraded, unnatural mothers, we know, God pity those with such and make us more thankful for ours.

With what gratitude we think of our mother's love. She it was who taught us to walk, to read, to sew, to do our troubles, and through our boyhood with a firm, gentle and experienced hand guided us, keeping us pure and unspotted from the world, and at last, when with wondering and startled eyes we looked out upon a world and prepared to struggle for our aims in life, what priceless advice, what gentle warnings and what cheerful encouragement she bestowed.

Not here does it end. When years have passed and one by one the bright dreams of childhood and youth have been shattered; when tired and disheartened with defeat, and feeling deeply that our lives have been failures, then how patiently she tries to show us where we have been wrong, and how we have fallen, how to arise and take a firmer hold again, asking us to still persevere, and although we cannot win the prize, have a record that we have striven manfully to get.

Through a mother's influence the noblest names have been placed on record, and looking down from Heaven those mothers must have wept for joy that they had given to the world, children who had written their names on the page of Fame, and better still, engraved them on the hearts of men.

Mothers, do not think that your home sphere is not great enough for your talents. All that you have is not too much for these rising men and women who are to take their place in the world of letters and in the paths that lead to glory and to God. C. H. WISWELL. Fryburg Center, Me.

The January number of the New England Magazine opens with an article on "The Old Middlesex Canal," by Arthur P. Hopkins. The author has himself followed the route of the canal, from the Merrimac River at Chelmsford to Boston, and made a thorough study of its subject. Many interesting traces of the canal still exist, as the fine illustrations which appear in the article testify. It is altogether a unique picture of an earlier phase of transportation.

Death-List of 1897.
Among the noted people who died during the year were: Pres. Henry Drummond; Alphonse Daudet; Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of the Pitman system of shorthand; Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite (who bequeathed a sum stated at ten million dollars to "encourage scientific study and promote international peace"); Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher; Senator Daniel W. Voorhees; General Jo Shelby, the Confederate cavalry leader; Joseph B. McCullagh, editor and correspondent; Armand Brasseur, the composer; Albert Fink, the noted American railroad expert; W. S. Holman, of Indiana, the "Watch-dog of the Treasury"; Barney Barnato, the South African speculator, who committed suicide at sea; Father Knapp, originator of the Knapp cure; Captain Boycott, of County Mayo, Ireland, victim of a most extraordinary case of accidental immortality; Mrs. Oliphant, the novelist; Jean Ingelow, novelist and poetess; Count Mutsu, the Japanese statesman; Henry George, author and economist; Canovas del Castillo, Spanish Premier; Charles A. Dana, journalist; George M. Pullman, originator of the Pullman palace-car system; John Lubbock, president of the English Royal Society of Water-Color Painters; Francis Turner Palgrave, poet and essayist; the Duchess of Teck; and Professor William Henry Riehl, the German publicist and historian.—(Harper's Weekly.)

CASTORIA.
The famous signature of Dr. H. H. Hatcher is on every wrapper.
A Magazine Free.
Every Reader of this Paper May Obtain Without Cost the New England Home Magazine.

A remarkable instance of newspaper enterprise has just been impressed upon me people by the Boston Sunday Journal. With every number of the Sunday paper, each week, is given absolutely free the corresponding number of the New England Home Magazine.

This magazine is celebrated for its pictures and beautiful illustrations and for its choice of articles particularly interesting to New England people. How it is possible for a newspaper to give its readers, without a cent of extra cost, such an expensive publication is difficult to understand, but the fact remains that the Boston Sunday Journal is doing it, and Boston Sunday Journal readers reap the advantage. The New England Home Magazine is surpassed by none of the high-priced magazine in the quality of its illustrations, and has the added value that the people and events which it pictures are those in which the public is at the time especially interested.

As to size, the New England Home Magazine gives its readers more pages a month than any of the other well-known magazines, there being a total of 192. Regarding the fact that an army story by Capt. Charles King is now running, and a series of short stories by Stenkiwicz, the famous author of "The Yodas," is to begin in next Sunday's number, gives sufficient indication. The lasting value of a file of this magazine, kept complete from week to week, and the attractive volumes which could be made by binding it, is each week.

The Boston Sunday Journal thus gives its readers now: First, The New England Home Magazine, a high-class publication with a wealth of illustrations; second, the Illustrated Weekly, a novel eight-page section, illustrated by the expensive half-tone process; third, the Feature Section, containing articles of striking interest, attractively presented; fourth, the News Section, in which the news of the world from "The Associated Press" and the Journal's own correspondents, far and near, is put into type.

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Regular price 3.50 to 4.00. Price now \$2.75
Men's Box Calf Bals, Regular price 3.50 to 4.00. Price now 2.75
Men's Calf Congress and Lace Shoes,
Regular price 3.50 to 5.00. Price now \$2.00 and 2.50
Men's Tiger Calf Congress and Lace Shoes,
Regular price 3.00 to 3.50. Price now 2.50
Men's Kangaroo Bals., Regular price 3.50 to 4.00. Price now 2.00
Men's Patent Calf Bals.,
Regular price 5.00. Price now \$1.50 and 2.00
Men's Enamel Grain Bals.,
Regular price 5.00. Price now \$2.00 and 2.50
Men's Vici Kid Bals., Regular price 3.50 to 4.00. Price now 2.75
Ladies' Kangaroo Button and Lace Shoes,
Regular price 3.50 to 4.00. Price now 2.00
Ladies' Vici Kid Button and Lace Shoes,
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Saturday Morning, January 1st.

We shall begin our grand clearing up sale of our whole stock of Men's, Youths' and Boys'

Suits, Overcoats, Ulsters and Odd Pants

at prices that will clean up the whole lot in 10 days. Outsiders can make wages and expenses by coming to us during this sale. People in town can make good money by leaving their work and trading with us.

Norway Clothing House,

A. L. SANBORN & CO., Proprietors, 132 MAIN STREET.
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Judge Stearns, Norway, has a mill for sale. It will saw shooks, spoolstock, etc. See ad.

The annual reunion of the students of The Shaw Business College will take place at the College rooms in Portland on Saturday evening, Jan. 8th. All the past students are cordially invited to be present.

NEWRY.

Ethel Hastings is teaching the school at North Newry.

Albert Brooks and wife visited at Newry, last week.

Jacob Thurston is about to move his store goods to his store at Bethel.

Howard Thurston and family have moved to his home at North Newry.

Joshua Howard got hurt very badly, last Thursday, while hauling sawdust with a pair of horses and sled. The sled struck a stump while turning throwing Mr. Howard on an iron pin in the sled, bruising his back. He is rather unfortunate as his wife has been confined to her bed for some time and he has had her to care for.

GILEAD.

John Rowe from Shelburne, N. H., moved into J. W. Bennett's rent over the grain rooms and is now driving team for Mr. Bennett.

Mrs. J. A. Leighton and daughter, Nellie Covener, returned from Boston Friday, Dec. 31, where they have been visiting relatives.

Dr. E. G. Green from Providence, R. I., was at D. L. Austin's, Monday the 3d. Mrs. A. W. Bennett has gone to Rumford where she is to be housekeeper.

Alex McLean, who has been working for George Leighton at Carrigan, N. H., came home, one day last week, and has taken a job to draw one hundred cords of birch for G. H. Coffin.

Winter has come at last, that is, if snow makes the winter. The heavy fall of snow, Friday night and Saturday, seems to have put new life into the town of Gilead. J. W. Bennett's full force of teams are now drawing birch and stave wood and in a few days the mill will be running full blast.

PORTER VILLAGE.

Frank Fox is on the sick list. Joseph Rice is still confined to the house.

Fannie Stacy is visiting friends in Boston.

Mrs. Melvin Douglass is sick with the measles.

John Stacy has returned to his work in Boston.

Mrs. William Stanley is quite sick with dypsy.

Joel Libby is to move with his daughter to the winter.

Edith Tripp is employed in the home of Charles French.

Alvin Stanley is hauling his timber for Towle & Keniston.

Clarence Libby has moved into the house of Joel Libby.

James Black of Melvin village is in town and will do some logging.

Every one seems to be pleased with the new year. It brought us about ten inches of snow and the loggers are of danger yet, as he is quite an elderly man and has had several ill turns in which he has come very near dying.

EAST OXFORD.
John Russell has returned to Bethel.

Mrs. Tom Johnson and daughter Belle are on the sick list.

Mrs. Charles Sessions, who has been visiting Mrs. Ellen Russell, has returned to her home in Woodstock.

Mrs. Andrews of Waterford has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charles S. Noble, the past few weeks.

Round Mountain Grange.

Notwithstanding the fierce snow storm and wind blow that ushered in New Year's morning, the members of Round Mountain Grange with their children began to gather at their hall at an early hour, and by eleven o'clock members to the number of twenty had arrived, besides quite a number of children.

Each one in turn as he entered the door was greeted with "Wish you a happy New Year" by a chorus of voices from both young and old.

A program had been prepared for the forenoon, but on account of the absence of so many of the members it was thought best to put it over until some other meeting. The hall was very prettily decorated, the walls with very appropriate mottoes and some pretty pictures which were given by some of the sisters; each window rejoiced in a pretty green wreath fastened to the lower part of its curtain; the altar was a mass of green interspersed with shining red berries which made a very pretty effect.

The Charter was read with the Grange colors, "corn and blue"; we also noticed several other places in the decorations where the "colors" were used with pleasing effect. At the upper end of the hall and in front of the stage stood two spruce trees laden with what looked to be from a distance, the lightest of snow flakes; but on closer examination proved to be little fluffy dots of cotton batten. To the topmost branch of each tree was fastened three strips of tissue paper draped in such a way that each strip fell a little below the other; these extended to a point exactly in the center between the two trees and was fastened up to the ceiling, forming something like an arch. All joined in saying that the hall had never looked so pretty before.

At a little past noon all repaired to the dining room where about twenty-five partook of the bountiful dinner prepared by the sisters.

At 1.30 p. m. the brothers and sisters were called to order by the worthy master, the officers of the Grange, and the members were duly installed, and considering the weather and traveling we feel pleased to say that only three out of the thirteen officers elect were absent. At an early hour all started for their respective homes feeling well paid for the efforts made in getting there.

FRYEBURG.

Mrs. Susan Tucker is in Boston.

W. H. Taabox spent several days with his family, recently.

Virgil Usher made a short visit in Fryeburg, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tarbox are home from a visit in Boston.

Hattie Pike returned to her school in Waltham, Mass., Monday.

Mrs. Burback and her son Henry have gone to Hurley, South Dakota.

Mrs. John Hutchins has been in Cornish at her father's, R. F. Chase's.

The Fryeburg Brass Band will give a concert in Wiley's Hall, January 14.

Mrs. M. B. Barker entertained the Chautauqua Circle, Monday evening.

Mrs. T. L. Eastman and daughter Edna are visiting relatives in Massachusetts.

Susan Wiley and Mabel Perkins returned to Farmington Normal School, Monday.

Warren W. Towle of Boston was at his father's, Dr. W. C. Towle's, during the holidays.

Mrs. Emily Osgood has gone to Springfield, Mass., to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Stone.

Misses S. C. Weston and Florence Wiley have gone to Skowhegan where they are teaching in the public schools.

Miss H. C. Osgood left home for Halliwell, Thursday, where she has a position in the Industrial School as assistant matron.

The Prismatic Club, an organization composed of the young ladies of the place, met with Rachel Weston, Monday evening.

The annual installation of officers of Grover Post took place, Saturday, Jan. 1. At the conclusion of the exercise a dinner was served. Music by the Fryeburg Orchestra added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

DIXFIELD.

G. L. Merrill is recovering from his fall and is so to be out on the street.

W. S. Marble has bought the wood and timber stumpage on Hiram Stain's farm.

John Holland has gone to Boston to work for the Jas. S. Prince Co. Paint Works.

Mrs. Emory Knight died at East Dixfield, the 30th of December, after an illness of two years.

L. D. Wentworth started for Williamsville, in the eastern part of the State, the first of this week.

Mrs. J. M. Holland has gone to Washington, D. C., to visit her daughter who is spending the winter there.

W. S. Newman is convalescent. Dr. Caldwell was called in consultation with Dr. Pease, last week, and thought Mr. Newman would recover.

The remains of W. W. Mitchell, formerly of this village, were brought here for interment from Boston, Thursday last. Mr. Mitchell was on the police force in Boston for over nineteen years.

Our two spool mills will consume about 6000 cords of white birch, the coming year, the largest amount ever burned. Mr. Knight has moved here from Riley with a crew of men and twelve horses and contracted to haul 1500 cords of birch for J. S. Harlow from Half-moon pond.

NORTHWEST NORWAY.
Ambrose Farnum writes home from Bemis that he has not seen a potato since he has been there.

Mrs. S. E. Farnum has bought a good cow of C. E. Dunn. Mrs. Farnum has been spinning for Mrs. Perley Bartlett.

Mrs. Bartlett is stopping at C. E. Dunn's.

May Holt from Everett, Mass., who has been spending the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. E. J. Holt, has returned and resumed her duties of teaching.

Dr. Walker's folks had a pretty Christmas tree laden with useful and valuable presents, Dec. 24. A few neighbors were present. The company were entertained by singing and banjo playing and declamations by Guy and Richard Walker.

EAST STONEHAM.

Bad colds are common.

Enoch Bartlett who has been sick for the past month rode out Sunday for the first time.

Elijah B. Russell was taken alarmingly ill a week ago and is not considered out of danger yet, as he is quite an elderly man and has had several ill turns in which he has come very near dying.

FRYEBURG CENTER.

Virgil Usher has returned to Bowdoin. Ross Day has gone to Portland to visit his mother.

Hattie Adams returned to Gorham Normal School, Monday.

Mr. Gussie Colby of Denmark visited his uncle F. N. Frye, last week.

Fryeburg Lodge L. O. O. F. No. 49 will give a public institution and oyster supper next Thursday night. The following officers will be installed:

N. G. C. C. Buzzell,
Recording Secretary—H. L. Gray,
Financial Secretary—T. K. Holt,
Treasurer—D. H. Chandler,
Trustees—E. L. Walker, T. J. Bragdon, F. A. Holt.

Dean McDaniel works for Dean Wiley, this winter.

Leona Wiley of Lovell visited Hattie Adams, last week.

Hattie Barker is assisting May Hastings with her housework.

Mrs. O. G. Chandler of Pleasantdale is visiting friends in Fryeburg.

Nina Sheld, teacher at Toll Bridge, boards with Mrs. Helen Bryant.

Mrs. Seymour Farrington has nearly recovered from her recent attack of congestion of the brain.

May and Esther Buzzell returned, Monday, to Stoneham, Mass., where both are engaged in teaching.

Phebe Meserve, Eunice Barker and Susan Buzzell will attend the winter term at Gorham Normal school.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Colds have been exceedingly prevalent. Ed Dudley of Paris is hauling hay for the Cummings farm.

Quimby Perham attended the tramp hearing at South Paris, Friday.

We notice Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Becker of Sumner town occasionally.

Eugene Richards and spatters once more. Lora McKee remains critically ill.

She has been moved from her father's to Mr. McKee's house.

Frank Perkins of Andover has been at G. L. Whitman's painting and doing other odd jobs. Mr. P. is a first-class painter.

Those who have been getting in their ice include Joseph and Elmer Davis, T. O. Lurvey and A. D. Bryant. Greatest depth is 15 inches.

There was a lyeum at the Chase schoolhouse, Thursday night. Question, Resolved that narcotics and alcoholic liquors are greater than all other evils combined, was almost unanimously voted in the affirmative. The next one to be held, Saturday evening, 22d inst. Question, Does it pay to raise sweet corn at present prices.

HANOVER.

Allen Richardson was at home from Auburn over Sunday.

Plenty of snow and everybody is out at work with their teams.

The Knights of Pythias have a public installation, next Saturday evening. The lodge is in a prosperous condition. They have just bought about one hundred dollars' worth of suits for the lodge room.

Last week, the Klondike hunters had hard luck. They started to go to their camp at Scrubby clearing and when they got there they found that some one had been at the camp, broken in, and stolen everything there was to take. Mr. Howe, the first hunter to get to the camp, found how things were after the first two thieves, following their tracks. He followed them to Newry Corner and came back. People stopping at the meadow camp told some men from the village that George Lincoln Thurlow and his cousin Clarence of Riley Plantation were at their camp and stated that they were going up to Klondike at Newry and stay that night. The camp owners at once went to Bethel Hill, had a warrant made out for the arrest of these two men and got on to H. C. Barker of Bethel and went to Ketchum after them. They found young Clarence first and after a sharp questioning he told the officer he took the knife and a corkscrew and the rest of the stuff he said George took. They at once took Clarence and went after George and got him. They took them to Bethel lock-up and locked them both in one cell and left them for the night. The hearing was to take place the next day. In the morning the jailer took the lock after his two birds but they had flown away. They broke the good locks and are still at large. Probably the next time they are caught they won't get away so easy. Mr. Wornell says he will have them if he lives long enough. George L. Thurlow has been in jail before and served a term at State prison.

NORTH ALBANY.

N. M. Scribner moved his family to Mason, last Saturday, into one of A. S. Bean's houses near the mill. He will work in the mill for Mr. Bean, this winter.

School closed in this place, last Friday, taught by Marion Bennett. (She has taught three terms in succession in this place and is liked very well by both parents and scholars.)

A LETTER TO WOMEN.
A few words from Mrs. Smith, of Philadelphia, will certainly corroborate the claim that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is woman's ever reliable friend.

"I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound too highly."

"For nine weeks I was in bed suffering with inflammation and congestion of the ovaries. I had a discharge all the time. When lying down all the time, I felt quite comfortable; but as soon as I would put my feet on the floor, the pains would come back."

"Every one thought it was impossible for me to get well. I was paying \$1 per day for doctors' bills and 75 cents a day for medicine. I made up my mind to try Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It has effected a complete cure for me, and I have all the faith in the world in it. What a blessing to woman it is!"—Mrs. Jennie L. Smith, No. 824 Kaufman St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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CASCO.
Dana Hamlin is slowly gaining. Peter Jordan remains about the same. Will Quail is going to Songo to work hauling birch.

Gertrude Cook is home on a visit from Burnside, Conn.

Elliott Barton of Raymond, has been visiting his nephew, E. A. Barton.

E. R. Cook of East Oxford was visiting relatives in this place, Tuesday, Dec. 29. Wm. Cook's teams are in the woods on the meadow road logging. His crew is boarding at Henry Edwards'.

The snow storm on the last night of the old year was just what we wanted to make sledding and the loggers are busy improving it. The snow blower New Year's Day and the teams were out breaking roads.

RUMFORD CENTRE.
Henry Farrar has a new sleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder Kimball have returned home from Chicago.

Grant Woods has gone to Bemis with his team to work for John French.

The new year brought a good snow storm. Old Boreas played his part well. Rufus Farnum is at Byron taking care of Edward Farnum, who is sick with the measles.

GROVER HILL.

Another year! It opens cold. Who knows what storms within it hide? Yet one rules them, as now and aye; We'll trust in Him whatever betide.

Joseph Tyler was in town, Sunday. We learn that Chas. Lyons is blacksmithing in town.

R. L. Paine has been cutting firewood for Peter Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Godwin were at T. L. Mayberry's, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Walker have moved into camp for a few weeks.

E. C. Jackson, Jr., has returned to Norway after a few weeks' stay here.

Marion Bennett and Winifred Browne have finished their schools in Albany.

S. A. Lyons, having finished work for A. J. Peaslee, has returned to Auburn, where he has employment.

BYRON.

The high school at Gum Corner still hangs fire.

E. G. Knapp is hauling poplar and loading it on the cars at Hop-city.

About two feet of snow fell, Friday night. This will make business for the lumbermen.

Two log teams came together at the foot of the grade above Hop-city Friday. But little damage was done.

Our tax collector has been over town, the past week, collecting taxes. Nearly all have paid and saved the discount.

Edward Tibbetts, who has been hunting deer, the past month, in the vicinity, returned home, last week. He failed to get a deer.

Mabel Reed is seriously ill with pneumonia. A physician is in almost constant attendance. At this writing she is thought to be a little better. Wallace Reed's child is also quite sick with the same disease.

RUMFORD.

E. E. Stevens is said to be slowly gaining.

Ida Ford from West Paris is visiting at Mrs. Tuttle's.

Harry Elliott and wife spent Sunday with his parents.

Jennie Farnum has been sewing for Mrs. J. H. Estes, the past week.

Fourteen inches of snow and a strong wind made work for the breaking team, Sunday.

W. W. Stevens is now able to go to the doctor with the aid of good stout crutches.

Green Goodwin of Rumford Falls is working for W. W. Stevens and attending school.

Mrs. Sarah Godwin has gone to Paris to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Ripley.

Hortense Whittemore has returned home from D. A. Thurston's, where she has been working.

Bert Haynes and wife are spending a few days with their daughter Enid, who is boarding at J. H. Barker's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Haynes and daughter Enid took dinner with Mrs. H. S. uncle, A. A. Martin, New Year's day.

Mrs. John Graham broke her leg about two years ago and has been unable to walk without crutches since. Sunday, she fell and broke the other leg.

NORTH WATERFORD.

Bessie Hamlin returns to Gorham, Wednesday.

Rufus Rice came home, last week, from Windsor, Vt.

Most of the farmers are busy harvesting their crops, this week.

Millie McAllister of North Lovell is working for Rev. A. R. Macdonald.

Fred Saunders has been quite poorly for some time with a stomach trouble.

Mrs. Nellie Sawyer and daughter Ella visited at her brother's, Albion Stearns', last Friday.

Tuesday morning, mercury went down 16 deg. below zero, being our coldest morning yet.

Mrs. Wm. Rice who has been quite poorly went to Lewiston, last week, I understand for medical advice.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Doughty have just returned from Harrison where they have been visiting friends for some time.

As near as can be estimated 13 inches of snow fell, last Friday night, followed by a regular blizzard, Saturday. The roads were badly drifted in some places and in others the snow was all blown off.

Mrs. E. B. Hersey went to the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, Dec. 24. For the removal of a fibrous tumor. The successful operation was performed on the 27th and she is reported as getting along finely and is expected to return about the middle of the month.

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When Trains Leave Norway.

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#20, 9:35 a. m.; #43, p. m.
Leave Norway for Gorham and West.
#26, a. m.; #30, #7, p. m.
Including Sunday.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.

Walter Pease is visiting at his home in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Jordan of Lynn visited in town the past week.

A. E. Morrison and family of Rumford Falls were in town this last week.

Mrs. R. E. Winslow is to spend the winter visiting relatives in various places.

Freeland Howe, Jr., has been home from the Johns Hopkins University for a vacation.

Waldo Tilton has gone to Portland, to work in the manufacturing department of the A. H. Berry Shoe Co.

Some members of the Ladies' Relief Corps recently called at the town farm and remembered the inmates with various gifts.

Rev. Marcus H. Carroll is conducting the rehearsals of the Heavenly Host choir, Lewiston, for the choir festival of surprised mixed choirs to be held in Bangor some time in February.

The Norway Wheel Club at their New Year's Ball had a good party but not as large as they might wish. It was an enjoyable affair, and they welcomed the New Year with a right hearty welcome.

New Year's morning the people of Oxford County were greeted with the long looked for and wished for snow storm. There is now snow enough for business though the blin blew it about quite a good deal.

Frank S. Cordis and Minnie Woodcock were married at Berlin, Christmas. Mrs. Cordis has relatives and acquaintances in this village. May Farrington was to have been the bridesmaid but was obliged to be absent.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goshaw went to Worcester, Saturday, for a month's vacation. It is hoped during that time that Mr. Goshaw will have recovered his health and be able to resume the superintendency of the B. F. Spinney & Co. shoe factory.

We have received a copy of the Parsons (W. Va.) Advocate giving a history to what led up to the murder of Frank E. Thompson of the Blackwater Lumber Co., last March. It plainly shows by documentary evidence that Col. R. W. Eastham was the aggressor and did all he could to harass the Lumber Co. from 1893 to the time of the shooting.

Grace Thayer of South Paris sang alto in the quartette at the Congregational church, Sunday. Lula Cook who sings there is ill with a trouble in the head which affects her hearing, and her physician thinks it best for her not to sing till she recovers from the trouble. Till she recovers from the trouble, she will be unable to sing and for her own sake hope it will be soon.

C. B. Cummings & Sons commenced work in their new factory, that has been idle for some months, Monday morning. The firm have also contracted to furnish the boxes for the B. F. Spinney & Co. Shoe Factories beginning with the new year. C. B. Cummings & Sons do a big amount of business when all their departments are running. They employ a hundred hands or more. Norway people are glad to see them commence the year so favorably to the town and they hope to the firm.

The officers of the Second Congregational Y. P. S. C. E. chosen Dec. 31, are: President, Harry L. Plummer.

Vice-president, W. H. Knowland.

Recording Sec., Alice Johnston.

Treas., Florence Whitcomb.

Corresponding Sec., Sybil M. Grant.

Supr. of Junior, Mrs. M. A. Libby.

Chairman of committees, Lookout, D. C. Clark.

Prayer-meeting, Horace Sanborn.

Missionary, Rev. B. S. Riddout.

Calling, Alice Sweet.

Music and Social, H. L. Plummer.

Sunday school, Horace Sanborn.

Flower, Minnie Durgin.

Louella Brooks, who was visiting her sister on Pike's Hill at the time their buildings were burned, Sunday, Dec. 26, met with a severe loss in clothing, money, etc. Her many friends remembered her generously in her need. Portland friends sent money for which she bought material for a new dress. Mrs. W. W. Twombly and Mrs. Clarence DeCosta cut and made the same. Azel Bumpus bought a pair of rubbers and James Smith gave a pair of shoes. The people of Falmouth Foreside, where Miss Brooks has taught school several years, sent her a purse of eighteen dollars. She returned to Normal School, Monday.

The following is the program for the Blauvelt concert at Norway Opera House, Thursday evening, Jan. 6.

Part First.

Gloria from 12th Mass, Mozart.

a. Simple Ave., Thome.

b. Etude Caprice, Lassen.

Evening, Bolero, Stellan Vesper, Verdi.

Reverie, Hans Kronold.

Inflammation, "Stabat Mater," Rossini.

Intermission.

Part Second.

Departure, Mendelssohn.

Caprice Hongroise, Dux.

Only Thou, Hans Kronold.

a. The Maids of Cadiz, Lassen.

b. Singing of You, Delibes.

Soldiers Chorus, Madame Blauvelt.

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State Assessors' Report.

We are indebted to Mr. Pottle of the Board of State Assessors for a copy of their 1897 report. We advise every man who wishes to understand the degree of our own state's progress or prosperity to get a copy of this report and give it careful study. From it we glean some figures of especial interest to Oxford county people. Valuations in 1897:

	Real Estate	Personal	Manufactures	Highway Labor	Other	Total
Albany.....	144	\$117,471	623	.007	\$ 448	1,689
Andover.....	548	188,222	014	.0025	2,300	2,300
Bethel.....	548	188,222	014	.0025	2,300	2,300
Brownfield.....	302	279,077	015	.....	.....	.....
Buckfield.....	340	388,353	02	.....	6,400	6,400
Byron.....	88	64,225	.024	.012	None	None
Canton.....	324	388,749	623	.004	41,434	41,434
Denmark.....	222	268,230	0125	.0048	None	None
Dixfield.....	290	288,245	023	.....	12,500	12,500
Erye.....	419	178,253	015	.....	10,000	10,000
Gilead.....	96	124,093	015	.....	None	None
Grafton.....	19	10,179	.0135	.0115	.....	.....
Greenwood.....	170	141,655	.024	.0225	3,853	3,853
Hanover.....	65	77,531	.0105	.....	None	None
Hartford.....	219	244,306	.01375	.005	Surplus	Surplus
Hebron.....	222	183,921	.015	.....	2,000	2,000
Hiram.....	317	312,090	.0144	.0038	None	None
Lewell.....	246	236,371	.015	.....	None	None
Mason.....	18	22,925	.0176	.....	None	None
Mexico.....	250	140,615	.025	.....	6,265	6,265
Newry.....	85	77,102	.012	.....	1,500	1,500
Norway.....	812	1,115,472	.02	.015	14,000	14,000
Oxford.....	348	432,632	.017	.004	7,000	7,000
Paris.....	97	115,000	.015	.....	Surplus	Surplus
Peru.....	133	188,511	.021	.007	1,154	1,154
Porter.....	109	147,071	.015	.....	Surplus	Surplus
Roxbury.....	59	49,210	.05	.....	None	None
Rumford.....	919	1,231,020	.018	.....	30,383	30,383
Stonham.....	97	115,000	.015	.....	Surplus	Surplus
Stow.....	74	112,633	.0107	.0043	None	None
Sumner.....	148	206,974	.0178	.005	292	292
Sweden.....	708	147,071	.015	.....	None	None
Upton.....	65	83,893	.015	.0065	None	None
Walden.....	23	23,054	.027	.....	None	None
Woodstock.....	245	192,436	.02	.....	None	None
Plantations.....	29	24,070	.0195	.....	None	None
Franklin.....	32	32,832	.0228	.0022	None	None
Lincoln.....	22	32,832	.0228	.0022	None	None
Marshalltown.....	27	103,268	.0037		None	None
Milton.....	28	44,170	.0195		None	None

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Nellie Elliott of Lower Bartlett, N. H., is stopping at home for a while.
Mrs. Z. McAllister and Lillian Lord went to Bridgton and back Thursday Dec. 30th, the sleighing was anything but fine over the hills.
John A. Fox and Otis Allard was in Portland Jan. 1st on business. Mr. Fox's family received a nice box of presents for Christmas from their relatives in Massachusetts.

Mill for Sale at a Bargain.

For sawing shooks, spool stock, box boards and apple barrels. A good chance for business. For particulars enquire or address: Mr. S. S. STEARNS, Norway, Me.

TRY OUR 25 Cent Cooking Molasses.
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Licensed Taxidermist,
NORWAY, MAINE.

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People that are acquainted with us know that when we advertise a mark down sale we make low prices. We are willing to give you the profits on the balance of our

HEAVY WEIGHT CLOTHING!

We will mention a few goods and prices:
20 FUR COATS AT COST, and they cost us a very low price buying them as we did last June direct from the manufacturers at St. Paul.
ULSTERS, \$3.50, 4.50, 5.00, 6.00 and 8.00. The \$6.00 and \$8.00 coats are **SPECIAL BARGAINS**, cannot be manufactured to-day for what we sell them for.
OVERCOATS. Neat dressy Chinchilla Coats, \$4.00
All wool Kersey Coats, made in good shape, 6.00
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A few very nice O'coats, best there is, at \$10.00 and 12.00 worth \$13.00 to \$17.00.
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THE SAME LOW PRICES on our **YOUTHS' and BOYS' OVERCOATS and ULSTERS.**
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Good Work and Business Suits, \$5.00 and 6.00 worth 7.50 to 9.00.
All of our nice 10.00 and 12.00 Suits for 8.00
All of our nice 13.00 and 15.00 Suits for 10.00
All wool Black Worsted Suits, in Frocks and Sacks, only 6.00
These Suits are extra value, can't be made to-day for this money.

ODD PANTS, ALL OF THEM MARKED DOWN.

1 Lot Jersey O'shirts, 25 cents.
6 Dozen Jersey O'Shirts, have been 50 cents; now 38 cents.
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You never will buy goods as cheap again, they are going to cost more. Good way to make money is to save it. Money saved by buying Clothing of us now.

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SPECIAL SALE TRUNKS AND BAGS!
\$5.00 Trunks \$3.50.
\$3.00 Bags \$2.25.
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BUCKFIELD.
Mercury at 22, Tuesday morn.
Mrs. Amiel Jones, who has been sick for some months, is very low.
E. A. Gammon and wife of Mechanic Falls have lately been the guests of I. W. Shaw.
Henderson-Thurston Co. were at Nesbit Hall, Friday evening. A dance followed the performance.
Capt. Lewis Bisbee and wife, who celebrated their 90th birthdays on Sept. 4, 1897, passed their 68th marriage anniversary, Dec. 30th.

WEST SUMMER.
Willie Keene is at work for Elbridge Benson in Summer.
Pierce Andrews and Linnie Chandler have returned to school at Hebron. People are busy hauling hay, ice, logs, lumber and wood on our last snow.
J. J. Abbott, G. W. Heath, Geo. Packard and Chandler Bros. have put in their ice.

O. G. Chandler and wife went to West Paris, last Tuesday, to the Rebekah installation of officers.
Due to the blustering weather, the Baptist circle in the vestry did not take place, New Year's day.
L. L. Gardner and wife went to Buckfield, last Sunday, returning Monday. They visited at Mr. Irish's.
Weather permitting, there will be a Universalist circle in the vestry, Jan. 6, day and evening. Dinner will be served.
Morris Noyes and Wilber Foster had a party in the vestry, Dec. 31st. Although it was a rough evening a goodly number attended.

DIXFIELD CENTRE.
Dixfield Centre Church services—Sunday School, 1.30, p. m.; preaching service, 2.30, p. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday, 7.00, p. m. L. H. Metcalf, pastor.

The boys have their first lyceum, this week Friday evening. Some of the scholars also go across the river to Peru, to singing school and two go to Dixfield village to a dancing school.

Free Baptist Sunday School elected the following officers for 1898:
Supt., Dea. Edwin Babb.
Assistant Supt., Moses Packard.
Treasurer, Mrs. Will Stain.
Teacher of Bible Class, Edwin Babb.
Janitor, M. Packard.

J. J. Holman met with a bad accident, Thursday. In trying to get a tree down with a hand spike against another tree, it slipped off just as he gave a pull backwards with both hands on the lever. This caused him to fall suddenly and with considerable force to the earth, striking on the short ribs across a small stump. Although unable to move about now on his bed without help, yet he thinks he will be able to be out again in a couple of weeks.

OXFORD.
D. P. Eaton is quite ill at present writing out of his hand, last week.
Dr. A. L. Hersey returned from Chicago, Jan. 1st.
The mill closed by the death of Albert Robinson will open, it is reported, Jan. 10th.
The snow on Saturday called out the road breakers for the first time, Sunday, the 2d.

Freud Jordan and A. S. Fuller are away in the northern Maine woods on a hunting trip.
Richard Pye made his sister, Mrs. J. B. Howard of Falmouth, a flying visit, New Year's day.

Services in the Congregational church will be held hereafter at 10.30 a. m. instead of 2.30 p. m.
Amy Goodwin and James Fernald of West Poland are attending school in Oxford, this winter.

We hope the students of Oxford high school will not neglect to issue the Clarion or to engage in their annual prize speaking contest, this term. These are well-known features of the school and would be greatly missed by all its friends and patrons. The talent for a first-class paper and first-class speaking is there and we want to see it cultivated.

Albert Robinson.
The people of Oxford were stricken with grief, early Saturday morning, New Year's day, by the sudden death of Albert Robinson, superintendent and agent of the Robinson Man'g Co., and part owner. The deceased had returned from a business trip to New York, and New Year's eve attended a party in the village. After he arose in the morning the domestics heard a fall and he was found unconscious on the floor. He recovered consciousness for a few moments before he expired at 7.30. He was 37 years old, a man of rare promise and ability, respected and honored by all who knew him. Being superintendent and agent of the mills, the company can ill afford to lose him. His remarkable business ability will be sorely missed; his honesty and purity of character ever remembered. He leaves one brother, John, who was associated in business with him; also several sisters.

The funeral services were held, Wednesday at 1 o'clock, in the Congregational church conducted by Rev. Mr. Lockwood. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, all bespeaking of the high esteem in which he was held. The Masonic order from Norway, the K. of P. Lodge of Mechanic Falls and the Sons of Temperance of Oxford were in attendance to pay the last honors to the dead.

When Albert Robinson died, the town of Oxford lost one of its strongest supporters, the Robinson family, one of its most promising sons.
Joseph Parrott, the nephew of the deceased, president of the Jacksonville and Tampa Railroad, Florida, came in a special car to be present at the funeral.

IN MEMORIAM.
If above his deep repose
I might have a token sweet,
Just a flower in fullest bloom,
Left upon his silent tomb,
It should be a red, red rose,
Full of grace and life—complete,
Just as life was in his soul,
In the flower of manhood's bloom,
When he heard the summons low,
"It is time for thee to go!"
ALMA PENDLETON HAYDEN.
K. of P. at Oxford.

The installation of the new lodge of Knights of Pythias, No. 122, in Robinson Hall, Oxford, Wednesday evening.
Delegations from Norway, South Paris, Mechanic Falls and Bryant's Pond, over 200 in all, were in attendance.
The 1st Band was worked by the South Paris team. The 2d Band by the Mechanic Falls team, and the 3d by the Norway team. Over thirty members were enrolled.
A bountiful repast was furnished to the visitors at 11 o'clock.
The Norway lodge was represented by the following members:

Al Rowe, John McKay,
David Morse, Hosea McKay,
O. M. Cummings, L. W. Richardson,
Guy R. Estes, M. E. Richardson,
Arthur Wiley, E. D. Miller,
Thomas Thibodeau, J. J. Miller,
Merton Kimball, Arthur Hayward,
D. Dunn, W. E. Lasselle,
W. H. Ginn, S. F. Kimball,
Edgar Tucker, E. M. Elliott,
E. E. Miller, Dr. Bartlett.

ALLEN HILL.—William P. Dyer is hauling wood for Otis Everett.
Mrs. S. E. Cobb and little daughter are visiting at her mother's at Mechanic Falls, this week.

Dr. Frank Maberry and family from Poland have moved to South Paris, where the doctor will practice medicine.
John E. Odway went to Poland, Monday, to move Mrs. Chesley's furniture to South Paris, where she is to live.

Mrs. Ruth Skillings and daughter Annie are doing sixteen washings, thirteen ironings, beside their own work. Mrs. Skillings also works away three days.

HEBRON.
The Academy school began Tuesday with about the usual number of students. Saturday a large number spent the day at Parsonage giving Dr. Crane a rousing good donation.

On New Years eve, there was a sociable in the Gymnasium, and oyster supper at the club, and in spite of the storm over 60 were present and enjoyed a very pleasant time. There was also a masquerade sociable and oyster supper at the grange hall, over 30 masked and many others were present and all passed a very enjoyable evening.

EAST WATERFORD.
WATERFORD PLAINS.—Wm. Russell is doing quite a business. He has got yarded a lot of very nice timber.
Bert Bean has been to work for Chas. Moors.

The farmers in this vicinity have been cutting and drawing in their supply of ice, the past week.

LOVELL.
Daniel McAllister had a small cancer out of his hand, last week.
George Eastman and wife of South Paris are at her father's, Dr. C. P. Hubbard's.
Everybody is improving the sledding, hauling wood and lumber. They will soon commence to make cans at the corn shop.

Lloyd Poore and Geo. Thompson have rented the mills of G. H. Moore at Alder brook. The upper mill they will use as a repair and paint shop, the lower one to house wagons and sleighs after they are painted. They are good workmen.

W. C. Bassett had a wild sheep that had been out in the woods, three months. J. B. Irish and Geo. Stanley caught it on the last snow. The sheep was in good flesh and gave the boys a hard run, but they were well rewarded by Mr. Bassett.

WILSON'S MILLS.
The new year greets us with a snow storm and high winds.
Will Hart and wife and Flossie Hart went to Milan, Tuesday.

Mrs. Storey and children spent Christmas week with her mother.
Mr. York visits at the camps between his several homes.
Frank Hart of Milan has been up on a visit to his brother, Will Hart.

Furbish, the jeweler from Rangeley, has been over to the camps with watches, rings etc.
Al Hart has moved his family from Stark and lives in Victor Gilbert's house at present.

EAST HEBRON.
Frank Keene is in Auburn, working for Lucius Packard.
James Goodwin is working for J. E. Bonney, cutting wood.

James A. Shaw has gone to Lewiston Nichols Latin School.
Sidney Allen of Auburn passed the Sabbath with his sisters in their old home.

At the close of 1897 sharp flashes of lightning were seen and heavy peals of thunder heard.
James Fogg and wife are very feeble and still failing. Mrs. Fogg cannot rise from her chair without help.

Rev. W. L. Braden resigned his pastorate of East Hebron P. B. church, Dec. 28th, to take effect in March. He is looking for a church that pays a larger salary. The present amount he thinks inadequate to support his family as he wishes.
T. L. Rogers' horse has been sick so he could not haul his wood. C. M. Year's morn, Frank Pierce surprised him by hauling a big load into the yard, with the snow flying and the temperature below 0. Frank is ever ready to help a neighbor.

On New Year's p. m., Clara Washburn found her little cat, a beautiful bronze dove looking out the door with the cat near him but taking no notice of him. She shut him in a cage at night, feeds and keeps him in the house. Apparently it is a rare specimen of the dove family.

DENMARK.
Hattie Farwell went to Bridgton, last Friday, to visit her nephew, Mr. Swan, the baker.
Uncle Nathaniel Wentworth, who has suffered a long time with a cancer in the face and throat, died, Friday, Dec. 31st, aged 79 years.

Our minister had a busy day, last Sunday. He preached at 11 o'clock at the church, baptized two young ladies and received them into the church; then at 1 o'clock attended Uncle Wentworth's funeral; rode to Brownfield and preached at 2.30 o'clock, after which he came home and attended service in the church in the evening. And I should have said he held communion service in connection with his morning service.

MEXICO.
The Methodists held their Christmas tree at the Union church, Monday evening, and the church was packed and many were unable to gain admittance. It was estimated that there were over 300 persons present. The church was beautifully decorated and two large trees and several tables were packed with presents. Rev. J. L. Hoyle was present with his stereopticon and read an illustrated story entitled "Buy your own cherries." After which a fine program by the young people was carried out. Among the valuable presents was a gold watch studied with diamonds, a silver service and many other valuable presents. Rev. J. L. Hoyle also gave a silver watch which cost \$55.00 as a present from friends in this town. In addition to this he received a purse well filled with greenbacks, and his wife, a fine silk umbrella.

WEST BUCKFIELD.
Anna Heath has been stopping at Gus Mayhew's.
Maurice Wells and Sam'l Smith are at work for Harry Buck.

Mertie Bonney who has been at work in Hartford is at home.
Everett Robbins and family of Summer were at Mrs. Bonney's, last week.
Mrs. Bonney was at Scott Briggs' Thursday and Friday of last week.

Dan Emery has swapped horses. Shirley Bonney has sold a cow to Tom Bradbury. Thomas Bradbury has sold his sheep to J. H. Russell. Charles Lowe has bought a horse of Scott Briggs.

SOUTH RUMFORD.
Sammy Thurston is stopping at his father's.
M. L. and W. A. Wyman are cutting ice for the neighborhood.

Mrs. Clara Bessey is at Andover to see her brother, John Porter, who is sick.
Alice and Lena Putnam have gone to Boston on a visit to relatives and friends.
Edith Elliott is attending school at Dixfield and boards with her grandfather, Wm. Putnam.

Wallace Neal from Danforth is teaching school in this place. He boards with his brother, Harvey Neal.
Ed. Abbott and Wallie Clark went to Garland pond deer hunting, last week, but we have not heard what luck they had.

Chas. Cary has been quite sick with rheumatism but is a little better now. He is quite aged and totally deaf and nearly blind, but is able to be around the house most of the time.

Tom Falarde's little daughter, Albino, has had a very sore face, caused by sliding on the ice and coming in contact with a wood sled. A physician lanced a sore that gathered and she is much better.

WEST PARIS.
Ollie Gary of South Paris is visiting at A. R. Bucknam's.
Ada Briggs has arrived home from her visit to Worcester, Mass.
Emerson Curtis is going to work for Frank Willis, this winter.

Carroll Curtis and wife have moved in up stairs at Nathaniel Young's.
Dr. F. H. Packard of this place was married to Iva Carter of South Paris, Jan. 2.

Bert Young, wife and son Ralph of Bethel are visiting at F. A. Young's, this week.
Will Curtis has moved into the up stairs tenement of Dr. Packard's new residence.

Will Baker of Foxcroft made a short visit to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Young, the past week, returning home Monday.
The comedy, Mr. Bob, was played here, last Thursday evening, to an appreciative audience. The parts were well taken and it was a decided success.

W. H. Lurvey and wife and Mrs. I. F. Emmons went to Bethel, Monday evening, to install the officers of the Rebekah Lodge at that place for the ensuing year.
The Henderson Thurston Merry Makers will present their newest laugh producing comedy "A Husband For Tom" and "Our Hired Girl," at Dunham's Hall, Friday evening, Jan. 7. Heartily endorsed by the New England press. Let everybody come.

Ideal Rebekah Lodge of Gorham, N. H., gave Onward Lodge of Rebekahs of this place quite a disappointment. After

all arrangements were made for the entertainment of the expected visitors, word was received at the eleventh hour that they were not coming.

David Young of North Paris, aged 88 years, recently walked to West Paris and returned the same day, a distance of six miles, to visit a sick son. The old gentleman does all of his chores, cuts his fire wood and is as active as many men at 65 to 70. He never had rheumatism or any sickness and his eyesight and hearing are excellent.

Although the day was rough and blustering and the traveling bad, there were 25 members present at the Grange, last Saturday, and the following officers were installed into their respective offices for the ensuing year:

Master, A. E. Marshall.
Overseer, C. S. Marshall.
Lect., Fidelia Shedd.
Steward, Will Stearns.
Treas., W. H. Lurvey.
Sec., Carrie Dudley.
G. K. C. S. Dudley.
Pomona, Cora Marshall.
Flora, Sarah Curtis.
Cora, Cora Lurvey.
L. A. S., Iza Curtis.

The assistant steward and the chaplain were not present to be installed. The literary contest at the Grange will commence, Saturday evening, Jan. 8th. We hope all will be interested and be on hand for a good time.

WATERFORD.
Rev. Truman S. Perry, formerly in the work of the A. M. A. at Orange Park, Florida, will preach, Sunday morning, at the Congregational church, and speak in the evening on "The Education of the Colored Race."

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1 Package Gold Dust,
1 Pound Soda,
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2 Quarts Beans,
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1-4 Pounds Pimento,
1 Pound Coffee,
1 Pound Raisins,
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Goods sold at bottom prices, and all work warranted.

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and human ingenuity will never devise clothes which a modern boy will not wear out in time, but our sort of Boys' Clothes will wear longer and will cost you less money than any others in town. You have never seen the best sort if you haven't seen ours.

Everything for Boys' wear at prices low enough to be within the reach of the most modest purse.

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DO YOU need anything in HOSIERY?
If so we would urge you to come in and closely examine some trade catchers:
Fleeced-lined Hose 10c., 12 1-2c., 12c., 19c., 25c. and 35c.
Wool Hose 25c., 35c., 37 1-2c. and 50c.
We realize that we are not the only people who have goods at these prices, BUT all hav'n't as good quality for these prices.
Another Department of interest is the **UNDERWEAR.**

1 lot Ladies' Combination Suits, 50c.
1 lot Ladies' Jersey Underwear, 25c.
1 lot Ladies' Jersey Underwear, 50c.
Special values in Wool Underwear 75c. and \$1.00.

THOMAS SMILEY, NORWAY, MAINE.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to thank all who attended our building burned, to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Chas. Gammon and his family for the many kind remembrances, need, providing us with food, and other things to make us comfortable. May the Lord, "who giveth alms," reward you all for the good.

BUSINESS SPECIALS.
Under this head business for ten cents per line. Seven Look at Foster's \$3 alst. Visit the cash grocery store. You can save money by so Heavy overcoats for \$3. Wool boots and rubbers. Shoe Store for \$1.50.

We carry in stock about soaps and soap powders. just now: Lenox, 8 bars 2 8 bars, 25 cts., at C. F. R. Winter clothing selling & Andrews'. Glad to get them now to save our buy as cheap again. higher next winter.

See list of bonds wanted. Have your watch, clock, repairing done by Hills. costs no more.

It pays to buy at Foster. Metal just right for baby at this office. Price ten c. 6 dozen neckties at Noy 15 cents each, 2 for 25 cent.

A copy of the Waterford is wanted. See ad. Hills is the only practical in Oxford Co. the lowest.

You can buy Men's K. calf lined, for \$2.25, from at Oxford Co. Shoe Store. Great reduction in price grips at Tucker's Harness. Best bargains in Maine. Foster's.

Do you want a good call at S. Harriman's store over that he has for a fine line of silverware jeweler's, not the premium. Look at Foster's suits. Compare them with what \$5 and \$6.50. They'll stand.

Mrs. E. G. Skillings wishes ladies attention to the fact below cost. It will need of hats to give her a Hills, the jeweler, does arrangements for a "count prices" etc. These that want first-class work.

New line of fashionable neckwear in Tecks, 4 in. bows and string ties at dress' Blue Store, 25 and are up to date.

New lot of horses arrive Stable yesterday, some of ones in the lot, also 10 sold less than cost.

NORWAY AND V.
Samuel Hayden of Havy visiting his mother for a W. C. T. U. ladies pie the meeting, Monday eve.

Mrs. Rufus Prince of T ing her daughters, S. B. Angie French substitutes, lett in the middle primary day.

S. Harriman has a new place of business—the H. Waldo Nash.

There will be a promenade Hall this (Friday) evening. Ice cream and cake will be W. H. Whitcomb arrive Monday evening from where he and his daughter this winter.

Rev. A. K. Bryant of W in town on business last was arranging for a Pe Lecture at West Paris.

THE NEW ELECTRIC.
We recently visited the tion of the Norway Water see the big electric pump, has recently been installed that the two villages are being pumped by electric.

The pump was built Company and especially and was put in position by Jones of the Oxford Light E. Austin, the Norway m driven by a fifty horse power good work, though deal of noise. The noise on our ears we did not in the building and in fact to keep our ears from cotton in them. Some of are to be supplied with least and this will lessen it is expected to.

The Water Company has pump and boilers intact use in case of an accident might cut off the electric supplies the motor.

We understand that the Co. have signed a ten year pump water for the water furnish the pump and the M. F. Gammon has charge ing.

Mrs. F. Q. Elliott re friends in Portland. mother, Mrs. Ann C. Du Paris, is spending the w

Wm. F. Jones departs Tuesday, to attend the friend, Fred Alexander, deny, the first of the ceased was well-known to people, having met with frequent visits to this place.

If you call on the treasury Shoe Shop Co., H. D. Norway National Bank certificate of stock, applies to those who have subscription in full. If who have not paid you as do so at once.

On Wednesday, the M gave a hearing on liquor floor Garland. H. Gagne appeared and filed a claim claiming that it was shipy Gorham, N. H., where he sell it. But for some unex it got mixed up in a Sou freight car. It had been crowded and billed for the tion, when Mr. Garland notified of what was up and seized the lot. The dud the liquor was intended f state of Maine, and declar felted. The claimant clai